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NOT A SINGLE PARKING SPOT IN SIGHT: As enrollment increases, so does the frustration for students seeking a decent parking spot every morning. Find out how the administration plans to create more space for everyone. (see Student Parking, page 4)
Photo by Danny Gallagher

First week good, bad for freshmen students

by Danny Gallagher
editor-in-chief

Students entering college for the first time can go through all sorts of interesting experiences and situations.

Stacy Loftin, who lives off campus with her family in Whitehouse, is working on her nursing degree and received an Apache Belle scholarship.

"The best thing that happened to me this week was the privilege to wear any Apache Belle paraphernalia," Loftin said.

Tim Smith from Lubbock felt right at home when his classmates invited him to a big party, which lead to him meeting a lot of new friends.

Mechanical Engineering major Douglas Lee said the best thing about his first week of college was when he "figured out how to work an interesting physics problem on the computer that took

three hours."

Unfortunately not all experiences can be as positive as some freshmen might hope. Shannon Baliff, a Sign Language major from Van, had a rather harrowing situation on her first week.

"I almost ran over a guy crossing the street," Baliff recalled. "I thought he was going to chase me down."

Johnathon Stoyal from Chapel Hill admits he had some trouble finding his classes on his first few days and also hates having to deal with some of the stinky students in his dorm who refuse to shower.

Stoyal also recalls "The worst thing that happened to me this week was waking up in Bushy Creek without a shoe and not knowing how I got there."

Additional quotes and interviews were conducted by staff writers Ryan Lily, Chris Patman and Kristi Flippin.

Power fails twice during first week

by Ashley Tompkins
staff writer

As students were standing in line for late registration and others were beginning their fall classes, heat and darkness suddenly surrounded them. Campus electrical power failed on Aug. 26 and 27.

"Late registration

was able to continue because of a power strip that allowed two terminals to stay active for 30 minutes. There weren't many students in lines... so we were able to carry on with our business," Registrar William Wilmeth said.

A back-up battery in Computer Room B allowed college officials to bring down all electronic equipment until the electricity came back on. The back-up battery was used only for the first outage. It was not needed on the second out-

age, which lasted only about 30 minutes.

"Bringing down the computers and other electronic equipment not only

ally brought down so the students could get out.

College officials are convinced these outages were not related to others that occurred throughout the state and nation.

"The power outages that took place on the campus were due to a fuse on a three-phase transformer on the corner of Baxter and Lake that kept malfunctioning,"

Fred Peters, marketing and public information director said.

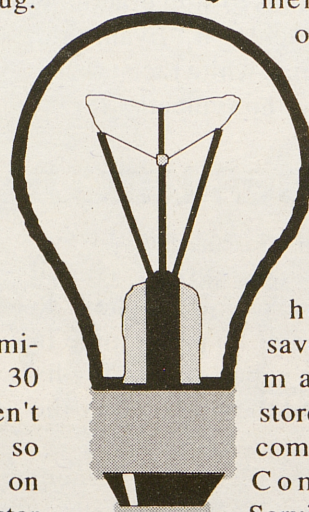
"The entire area around the campus has a much larger load than it has in the past which causes more electricity to be drawn from that server," he said.

"Safety is the largest concern. We certainly don't want to see anyone trapped in an elevator. The computers are able to operate and retain memory for a good amount of time without losing information," Peters said.

helped save information stored in the computers," Computer Services Director Kenneth Muncy said.

"It also bought us some time to prepare in case the power outage lasted longer and the back-up battery became inefficient."

Two students were trapped in elevators during the outages. Both times the elevators had to be manu-



Calendar of Events

- Sept. 23 - TJC Board of Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 5 - Campus Capers Tryouts
- Oct. 7 - Opening night for "Journey's End"
- Oct. 14 - Fall Choral Concert
- Oct. 18 - 22 - Homecoming Week
- Oct. 23 - Homecoming against Trinity Valley CC
- Oct. 28 - TJC Board of Trustees Meeting
- Oct. 31 - Halloween
- Nov. 1 - Women's Basketball season begins
- Nov. 4 - TJC/UT Tyler Instrumental Chamber Recital
- Nov. 6 and 7 - Men's Basketball season begins
- Nov. 9 - TJC/UT Tyler Fall Band Concert
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day
- Nov. 24 - 28 - Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 2 - Opening night for "Twelfth Night"
- Dec. 3 - Last day to drop a course for Fall Semester
- Dec. 6 - TJC/UT Tyler Holiday Band Concert
- Dec. 13 - Final exams begin for Fall Semester
- Dec. 14 - Final exams begin for Fall Mini Semester
- Jan. 1 - Say hello to the new millenium!

CAMPUS F.O.C.U.S

Have relations between races improved?



Erica Bobo

Yes, I feel there is more inter-mixing between races. People are more open-minded



Marcus Noa

It has improved. There is not as much discrimination as there once was.



Consuelo Wilshire

I can feel the discrimination in the United States.



Rickey Roberts

Yes, everyone's mixing now. black and white couples are more acceptable these days.



Krista Schoolcraft

It's changed from white people discriminating towards blacks and hispanics. Now, it's reversed.

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Racism: problem resists answers

by Vatina Henderson
page editor

The six letter word racism lingers as America enters the 21st century. Looking into the future, some people feel there is no immediate solution to this serious problem. With the rise in hate groups the end to racism seems unlikely.

"I just don't understand how someone can dislike a person for their skin color," sophomore Tammie Colston said.

"Racism is still among us but it is a hidden hatred," Colston said.

Blacks feel the majority of this hatred is targeted at them. Prime examples are the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., a black man

in Jasper, and a more recent incident in Lone Oak. Raines County Sheriff's Department called the incident drug-related when the black man was tied to a tree with barbed wire, partially burned and his foot was cut off.

Justice so far has been served in the Jasper incident, with the death penalty for John William King, the first to be tried. The trial of Lawrence Russell Brewer started Monday in Bryan, and Shawn Allen Berry's trial is still pending.

But in the Lone Oak incident, one of the three boys charged in the killing received only a three year sentence. Because he was 16, he was not tried as an adult.

It is likely if the young man were black, he would have received a life sentence or the death penalty. A three year sentence is just a slap on the wrist. It is just plain ridiculous.

From my experience, most blacks want to get along with racist white people.

"The reason racism has not improved is because white parents still pass racist views down to their children," sophomore Monica Evans said.

"Coming into the 21st century, racism has to get better. The only way it can happen is to stop practicing and teaching it," Evans said.

Some white racists seem to have no sympathy for the

hundreds of years enslaved their ancestors kept blacks in bondage. Sending black men to prison seems to be one of their solutions.

Forty percent of black men between the ages of 19 and 35 are in prison. Some were convicted for crimes they did not commit. Some received outrageous sentences for petty crimes. Some are justly jailed.

Finally black people appear to be moving ahead in America, but some blacks still get knocked down. A better day has to be in the future. With the rise in interracial dating, marriage and births, it looks like the younger generation is growing more tolerant.

Prayers before football games unconstitutional

by Angela Curry
page editor

We learn as early as grade school that as American citizens we were born with freedom. Little by little the government takes it away. Taking prayer out of the classrooms is one of those losses. I remember in first grade lining up before lunch and bowing my head with others and praying together.

Recently a 2-1 decision by Texas Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling

that student-led prayers at high school football games are unconstitutional.

The appeals court said prayer before high school graduation is allowable because that is a "solemn or remarkable event," but football games don't share the "singularly serious nature" of graduation. Those not from East Texas may not understand, but here football is definitely a "remarkable event" for fans.

In this region the majority are Christians. The

minority are left out when a Christian prayer is said before a game. They do not have to participate in other's beliefs, but why should they take away the right of the majority?

The First Amendment to the Constitution states that everyone has freedom of religion. I have nothing against a person believing differently than I, but when someone takes away the right for me to pray, my rights have been violated.

If the government

keeps taking away people's rights to religious expressions they might as well take religion out of the First Amendment.

Every day in the United States we use money labeled "In God we trust." Before you know it, the courts will say the motto is unconstitutional.

Prayer in school and at football games is only the beginning. The government may take away our freedom of religion, but they can never take away our love for God.

Reality Check

New laws, nose rings - don't forget a note from Mom

by Danny Gallagher
editor-in-chief

If you're under 18 and you're looking for a new body part to puncture with a hot needle, guess who can jump in and stop you from getting that six-inch railroad spike stapled to your forehead.

Now's the time to get a note from Mommy.

Among the 900 new state laws which took effect Sept. 1, three require citizens under 18 to get written permission from a parent or guardian if they want to get a body pierc-

ing, a tattoo or an abortion.

Finally, government is taking the initiative to force parents to get involved with their children's lives. Even though abortions, nipple rings and tattoos of the Budweiser lizards aren't illegal for children or teenagers, the new laws do require children to talk to their parents, thereby avoiding dysfunctional families, stupid careless mistakes or those really silly looks parents give to their children that say, "I may not be able to kill you now, but you have to go to sleep

eventually" when they realize they're son or daughter's forehead is now tattooed "USDA Approved."

This kind of parental consent should also be considered when discussing gun control or youth violence. In most cases, parents aren't required to take responsibility, pay fines or even show up for court cases when their child has committed a crime.

Abortion, however, is a much stronger argument. Pro-life activists or organizations such as The Planned

Parenthood League might find the law infringes on women's rights to an abortion. But they won't have much of an argument against the legislature because the new law doesn't deny the right for anyone to have an abortion. It simply limits the access to one if the parent refuses to sign on the dotted line.

In fact, these laws are not unfair to teenagers or young children at all. By requiring parental consent, the law is keeping parents informed about their children's lives.

Dorms get new locks

A security key card system installed last summer in campus dorms is expected to provide a more convenient and safe environment for residents, officials say.

Security and safety are major concerns for dorm residents according to the Customer Satisfactory Survey, Ben Avedikian, assistant purchasing director, said. The system installed by TESA, cost \$181,000.

"I feel safe with the key card system because the doors are locked 24 hours, and no one can just walk in off the street at any random time," Freshman Keely Thomas said.

Each resident gets a key card that allows access only into their dorm room and the lobby. The card system is similar to those used in most hotels.

Dorm lobbies are locked 24 hours a day to keep out non-residents. A six-digit number on the card identifies the student and records each time the key card is used.

Hall specialists and maintenance personnel carry master keys to all dorm rooms.

Resident assistants carry a master key only for rooms on their assigned floor.

"The new security system puts TJC up with some of the leading universities," Avedikian said. "East Texas Baptist University and Abilene Christian University use the new key card system."

TJC plans to install campus emergency phones, dorm call boxes and the key card ID for all TJC students, Avedikian said.

Student Enrichment series to begin Oct. 7

by Sarah E. Jones
staff writer

The Student Enrichment Series will open Oct. 7 as Robin Karr-Morse discusses reasons for the tide of violent behavior. In her talk at 10 a.m. in Rogers Student Center she will focus on children before

adolescence, before grade school, before pre-school back to the cradle to explain this troubling issue.

Jeanne White-Ginder will speak about AIDS at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 14 in Wise Auditorium. Since White-Ginder's son died of AIDS contracted from

a tainted blood product, she has lectured to teach young people about HIV/AIDS, and lobbied to get federal funding for AIDS education, research and emergency medical care.

Dr. Kimberly Young will discuss Internet addiction at 10 a.m. Nov. 9 in Rogers Student Center. Young founded the Center of On-Line Addiction, the first on-line counseling service, consultation firm and training institute for Internet addicts.

Spring speakers will include: Dr. James Reese, a

worldwide authority on stress, trauma and violence prevention at 10 a.m. on Jan. 25, 2000 at the Student Center.

Joe Clark, subject of the Warner Brothers film "Lean On Me," at 10 a.m. in Feb. 15, 2000 at the Student Center. Clark served as principal of a high school in New Jersey for seven years. Former Army drill instructor, he sees education as a mission. Clark held high expectations for students, challenging them to develop habits for success and confronting them when they failed to reform.

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SHADED-SEAT-Dennis Shepperd studies on one of the colleges new benches.

Student Enrollment Rises

Enrollment for the fall semester has risen to 8,381 students, 331 more than 1998's 8,050 students.

"Even with the addition of underclassmen at the University of Texas at Tyler, enrollment is still high and we are extremely happy about this," Registrar Bill Wilmeth said.

"There is really no explanation for the increase in enrollment," Wilmeth said, but recruitment and available tutoring services could have helped.

Of the 8,381 students, 4,944 are women and 3,272 are men compared to 4,778 women and 3,272 men in fall 1998. Of these totals, 2,242 are new freshmen and 229 transferring freshmen.

The campus population is more diverse than ever: 6,284 white students, 1,648 black students, 344 Hispanic students, 74 Asian/Pacific students, 32 Indians/Native Americans and 49 other foreign students, Wilmeth said.

The average age for a TJC student is 24.

Parking problems frustrate students

by Danny Gallagher, editor and Aaron Roberts, page editor

As the student population grows, so does the frustration of finding parking spaces.

Students have been complaining about the small amount of student parking spaces for a long time.

"In the morning, I have a hard time finding a parking space," Freshman Nik Boykin said.

6,679 parking permits were issued to students by September 8, Chief Safety Officer Randy Melton said. According to the campus safety office, there are a total of 1,875 parking spaces, not including street and other non-campus parking lots.

In addition to the parking shortage, the Apache Band practices on the Palmer Parking Lot by Fifth St. from 8 to

8:50 a.m., dean of liberal of Fine arts Dr. Linda Watkins, said.

"We need to look at all the possible locations for band practice," Watkins said.

"Presently, we are looking at all the different options."

The band was practicing on the field behind the Ornelas Health and Physical Education Center, but moved due to complaints from students and faculty that rehearsals disturbed classes in Pirtle and

marching damaged the field.

Currently, TJC officials are looking to expand parking facilities.

Chief Financial Officer Ben Ferrell is researching costs and construction of a multi-level parking garage.

"We've gotten an architect to assess the space and we're working on financing the structure," Ferrell said. "We know it's (parking) a problem and students have complained about it for years."



The project, however, has run into some obstacles. One problem concerns the cost of a parking fee for students. Students at the University of North Texas pay a \$100 parking fee per semester to use a multi-level garage. Currently, students at TJC only pay \$15 dollars per semester.

Financing the garage is another problem. Architects price a parking garage based on the number of spaces. Even though the new garage could provide an additional \$3,000 to \$9,000 per space, Ferrell said.

Another solution would be to add additional levels to existing parking lots.

Either way, the Board of Trustees plans to add some more parking spaces or lots for students by next fall, Ferrell said.

Warm weather heats up East Texas

by Ije osuagwu page editor

Like news, the weather changes but not in East Texas in July and August. Temperatures 100 degrees plus dominated the area. Even East coast residents experienced hotter than normal temperatures. Unlike Texans, they lack omnipresent air conditioning.

Extreme temperatures and little or no rain in East Texas, led some cities to regulate water usage, especially lawn watering with automatic sprinkler systems.

After 29 days of no rain, Tyler finally received just under an inch, Wednesday, Sept. 1.

"We're in a subtropical latitude," History Instructor Dr. Bob Peters said. "with a good bit of sun throughout the state, when there's little or no cloud cover."

Peters, widely known as "Dr. Bob" serves as weatherman for KTBB and Tyler Courier Times Tele-

graph newspaper.

Summer '98 was much hotter than the one just ending Peters said. Summer '99 was comparatively cooler because we experienced more rain last spring.

"Normally 8 days reach at or over 100 degrees," Peters said.

"This year we had 9. Summer '98, many have forgotten, contained 46 days at or over 100 degrees."

Much of the climate is caused by human endeavors.

"Global warming appears to be due to human activity on the order of nothing we've ever seen," Peters said. "All the fuels and exhaust from vehicles produces pollution."

East Texans frequently experience high ozone levels which are unhealthy for humans to breathe. In August, East Texas' air quality was unusually unhealthy. The trend for cooler weather will con-

tinue as the season changes.

"An upper air flow pattern in North America is becoming autumnal (and because of this) I think we

can expect normal temperatures will remain for the rest of the year," Peters said.

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Learning Loft gets interesting paint job

by Aaron Roberts
page editor

The Learning Loft of Roger's Student Center is finally getting some color.

"We wanted to add some color and life to the Sheet rock walls," Art Instructor

C. J. Cavanaugh said.

Design I Art students started painting murals last week. They plan to be finished in a couple of weeks, Cavanaugh said.

"The good thing about

it is they are learning design on the job," Cavanaugh said.

When the project is finished, the room will continue to be used as a study place and an area for private tutoring.

One mural was entitled "A Road in Namibia" by Suzann Hunter. It pictured a stretch of highway with a two toned back ground of purple and red.



photo taken by Aaron Roberts
YOUNG PAINTERS-Chrissy Jacobs, Shaune Prescott, Christal Moffett and Desirree Parker paint the new murals for the Learning Loft.

Gasoline prices rise with supply and demand

by Mike Pero
staff writer

The price of commercial gasoline rides a financial roller coaster. A month ago, you could walk into a filling station with \$1.15 in your pocket, purchase a gallon of gas and have enough left for that neon-wrapped, vile-tasting piece of gum that's always sold next to the register.

Those days are behind us now. Gasoline prices have gone up again

and everybody is complaining. Why do they keep fluctuating? Why can't they somehow stabilize? To know why gas costs what it does, we must first understand some of the political and marketable quirks of the oil industry.

Gasoline is made, priced and sold based on how much we as consumers use, the old supply and demand system. When demand goes down, prices go down.

Oil producing countries mine

only what is needed, according to the Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2000. This helps keep the demand up and when demand is up, they can sell for more. When a surplus occurs, caused by too much oil on the market, the prices go down.

The world wide oil supply is produced and controlled by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). OPEC members are Algeria, Indonesia,

Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela. OPEC has the biggest influence on how much you pay at the pump.

History shows that fuel prices generally go up in the winter and fall because of increased demand for oil-made heat. These factors all contribute to the price per gallon, but no scientific way exists for telling what future prices will be.

W.C. Green who has been in the oil business for 40 years, currently works at a Texaco office in Hawkins, a small town about 20 miles north of Tyler. He says that in his 40 years of work, times have never been so rough for oil-related workers. Gasoline companies are selling for as low as possible to keep prices down and stay in business. They usually have an 11 to 12 cent margin between the buying and selling prices of commercial gasoline, but oil companies are currently selling gas at a price that leaves them only a five to six cent margin. Green thinks this is as bad as it's going to get, but no one can say for sure.

Consumers can have a part in how much they pay for gas. If they can lower the demand, they can also lower the price. The most simple method of doing this is to just not use gasoline unless necessary. Public transportation, bicycles and even one's own two legs can help in the struggle to lower prices. Even if prices do not go down, those efforts help keep the environment clean and conserve precious resources.

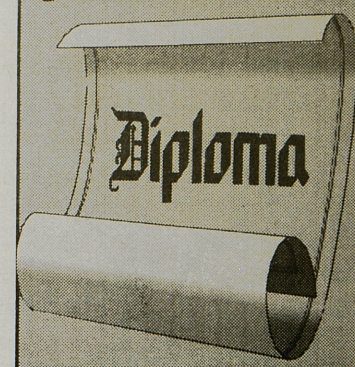
Accelerated programs

The accelerated core curriculum program Fas-Track began this semester. Fas-Track students can complete 47 hours in nine and a half months.

Fas-Track students follow one of two tracks. Track I classes meet Monday-Thursday between 8:25 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Track II classes meet Monday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Students complete track II classes in 13 months Fas-Track Director Dr. Bob Peters said. Students may add courses related to majors to their schedules depending on the load they can carry.

"Beginning in August, 2000," Peters said, they can complete an associate degree can be completed in one year.

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'13th Warrior' strikes theaters

Box officea scored a viking-size hit last month with the opening of "The 13th Warrior" starring Antonio Banderas and Vladimir Kulich.

Banderas plays a banished Arabian, traveling to his new home to claim new territory. On his way he meets up with a band of Vikings who must travel north to help a king battle an army of evil soldiers.

Kulich played the intense-looking Viking leader Bullvi.

Omer Sharif co-stars as Banderas' interpreter and friend.

Few movies produced today contains the level of non-stop action seen in "The 13th Warrior." Unrelenting violence helps to depict accurately the times when might was right and honor was worth dying for.

A great deal of time and effort is spent on scenery. The large viking warriors ride Cildesdale horses. The actors dressed in leather mocassins and animal skins and wield swords that appear to be five centuries old and weigh 100 pounds.

Most movies stop the action for that emotional, feel good edge we see in Barbra Streisand films. This one tops the violence charts and brings testosterone back to the silver screen.

MOVIES, BOOKS, MUSIC...

'THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT'

by Becky Jester
staff writer

who were interested in the legendary curse of Project" brings horror and sleepless nights to even the avid scary movie lover. Starring Heather Donahue, Joshua Leonard and Michael Williams, "The Blair Witch Project" is not your typical terror film.

"The Blair Witch Project," supposedly recovered home video of three college students



Burkittsville, Maryland, leaves questions unanswered. After interviewing townspeople, the crew hiked through the woods,

investigating the stories. Leonard disappeared, and Donahue and Williams were left to wonder if he fell prey to the mysterious Blair Witch.

Are Donahue, Leonard and Williams actors or are they really documented victims of the Blair Witch?

Donahue, although annoying, keeps the gang focused on the goal of the journey. Williams, the light-hearted crew member, brings laughter to the terrifying film. Too bad Leonard, the group's mediator is the first to disappear.

Presenting the story as home filmed gives it the essence of first hand experience. Viewers feel as though they are right there in the Burkittsville woods, not in a theater.

"The Blair Witch Project" is a must see!

'CHICKEN SOUP...'

by Sarah E. Jones
staff writer

Uncertainty, insecurity and inadequacy - familiar emotions for many colleges students. Now comes a book to help deal with such issues: "Chicken Soup for the College Soul."

"Chicken Soup for the College Soul" can help students deal with homesickness, the transition between high school and college, new friendships, new loves, raising your GPA and other anxieties.

Sophomore Toni Allums said, "I could relate to many of the stories in the book. It helped me adjust to college life."

Filled with many humorous and inspiring stories about college, the book costs \$12.95 at most bookstores.

'GENIE IN A BOTTLE'

By Gene Tullis
photo editor

Rushing onto the pop scene is the newest teen sensation, Christina Aguilera.

At the tender age of 18, Aguilera has already No. 1 status with her hit single "Genie in a Bottle" on the Billboard Charts. In the last four months, the single has sold over 1.7 million copies.

In a style similar and feel to Mariah Carey, her self-titled album jumps onto the pop. It features songs about love, heartache and other emotions that most teenage artists sing about. The difference between Aguilera and others her age and younger is she can really sing. This gives her more staying power.

The album starts with "Genie in a Bottle" and works its way through a barrage of beautiful songs. The album has the potential for a number of hits.

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Who's the MVP?

In major league baseball, the Most Valuable Player race is in full swing.

One favorite, Cleveland Indian Manny Ramirez, leads the majors in runs batted in. Ramirez is poised to have at least 160 RBIs.

Texas Ranger catcher Ivan Rodriguez's MVP hopes may be crushed by teammate Rafael Palmeiro's Triple Crown run. Rodriguez's all-around game makes him the early favorite, while Palmeiro is in the top five in RBIs, home runs and batting average.

Boston Red Sox Pedro Martinez is the only pitcher putting up MVP numbers in the majors. He leads the American League in strikeouts and earned run average and leads the majors in wins.

In the National League, the race seems to start where it ended last year.

Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa and St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire continue their friendly rivalry.

Sosa is the early favorite, leading the majors in home runs and the NL in RBIs. His team's standing could hurt his efforts, though.

McGwire is the only player in the NL putting up numbers as fast as Sosa. For him to win, he is going to have to come up with more RBIs than Sosa.

Look for Rodriguez and Sosa to win the MVP awards.

Soccer team kicks off 4-1-1

by Iieoma Osuagwu
page editor

A challenging workout regimen provides the foundation for the Apache Soccer team's 4-1-1 record.

"(We have) two and a half hour practices, four times a week. Our workout consists of loosening, conditioning, fundamentals and tactical play," Soccer Coach Dr. Peter Jones said.

Hard work, wins and solid team chemistry continue to be valuable assets to team morale and winning outlook after wins over DeAnza Col-

lege, Mountain View College, Northern Oklahoma Community College and a

portant," he said. "The guys are working hard and are enthusiastic about what's in store this season."

Pre-season polls ranked the Apaches No. 5 in the nation. The recent opening of Pat Hartley Field, dedicated earlier this year, has been a real boost.

"Pat Hartley Field has been a major improvement," Jones said. "It saves us an

are really enjoying Pat Hartley."

All American Matt Hood and David Laird from Scotland lead the team as captains.

The "most challenging" opponents are any opponent, Jones said, but he sees Richland and Meridian (Miss) community colleges as strong teams.

"Most likely, State Fair (Mo.) will be the most difficult to play against because they're ranked No. 1," Jones said.

Jones emphasizes fundamentals to improve overall physical abilities, passing game, goal scoring and mental focus.

The Apaches host Midwestern State University Junior Varsity at 2 p.m. Saturday and Meridian at 3 p.m. Sunday.



tie with Neosho County Community College, Kan.

"Every team is completely different. Rebuilding a sense of team is im-

hour." Before, "we had to transport our equipment to Lindsey Park and back between practices. The guys

Football team aims high

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With a win over Georgia Military and a loss to Dixie College, the Apaches hope to make this season better than last.

They are trying to bounce back from a 7-4 record which resulted in a first round playoff loss last year to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M University.

"Our defense is doing wonderful and playing extremely well, but our offense needs to get accustomed to the new players," Assistant Coach Scott Clough said. "Our running game needs improvement, but our passing game is very good."

The team has 23 returning players from last year's team.

On offense the ones to watch are: Wide Receivers Derrick Armstrong, Robert Ferguson, O.J. Mathis and Jerry McCloud; Tight Ends

Billy Green and Tony Witfield and Quarterback Dustin Proctor.

Returning defensively are Cornerback Derrick Beatty, Defensive End LaQuan Hughes, Linemen Draylon Mickens, Charles Sias and Jamion Stenson and Free Safety Michael Woods.

Some freshmen doing an excellent job so far on offense are: Running Back Olin Coleman and Left Tackle Matt Hubert.

Clough also praised: Defensive Lineman Ivory Griffith, Linebacker Mark Wydell, Cornerbacks Charles Davis and Kelvin Armstrong and Defensive End Anthony Collier. Collier was named Player of the Week last week because he intercepted a pass and had two sacks.

Upcoming home games include Sept. 18 against Blinn College and Sept. 25 against Northeastern Oklahoma A&M University.

Soccer Schedule

Sept. 18 Midwestern Univeristy JV, 2 p.m.
Sept. 19 Meridian Community College, 3 p.m.
Sept. 25 State Fair, Sedalia, MO, 9 a.m.
Sept. 26 TBA, Sedalia, MO, 9 a.m.
Sept. 30 Kansas City Community College, Dallas, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 Lincoln College, Dallas, 7 p.m.
Oct. 3 Johnson County Community College, Dallas, 11 a.m.
Oct. 8 Richland College, Dallas, 7 p.m.
Oct. 10 San Jacinto College, Pasadena, 2 p.m.
Oct. 16 Monroe Community College (NY), 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 Cloud County, 1 p.m.
Oct. 22 Meridian Community College, Meridian, MS, 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 TBA, Meridian, MS
Oct. 30 Midwestern JV, Wichita Falls, 2 p.m.
Nov. 6 Region XIV Championship, 2 p.m.
Nov. 12-13 Mid-Southwestern District Championship
Nov. 16-21 NJCAA National Championship, Mercer, NJ

Football Schedule

Sept. 18 *Blinn College, 7 p.m.
Sept. 25 *Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, 7 p.m.
Oct. 2 *Navarro College, Corsicana, 7 p.m.
Oct. 9 *Cisco College, 3 p.m.
Oct. 16 *Ranger College, Ranger, 3 p.m.
Oct. 23 *TVCC, 3 p.m. (Homecoming)
Oct. 30 Kilgore College, Kilgore, 7 p.m.
Nov. 6 *Conference Playoffs, Round 1
Nov. 13 *Conference Playoffs, Round 2
Dec. 4 *Red River Bowl, Bedford, TX, 1 p.m.
*=Conference Games
(Bold type indicates home game)